

Sub
E1
66. (Amended) A method of providing a plurality of services over a network, wherein each of the services includes of a plurality of items, said method comprising the steps of:

a user terminal receiving image information via the network from a service center, and transmitting a service request via the network to the service center, with the service request referring to the image information; and

the service center forwarding the service request to a service provider;

C
wherein the service center stores items and their prices in a first table, stores service providers and the one or more items included in each service provided by the service providers in a second table, and calculates the charge related to the service requested on the basis of information stored in the first and second tables.

67. (Unchanged From Prior Version) A method according to Claim 66, further comprising a step of:

the service center giving a notice of the charge calculated to the user terminal.

E1
68. (Amended) A system of providing a plurality of services over a network, wherein each of the services includes one or more items, said system comprising:

a user terminal for receiving image information via the network from a service center and transmitting a service request via the network to the service center, with the service request referring to said image information;

the service center for forwarding the service request received from the user terminal to a service provider;

wherein the service center stores items and their prices in a first table, stores the service provider for providing a service and a template for showing the one or more items included in the service provided by the service provider in a second table, acquires the prices stored in the first table by referring to the template stored in the second table in accordance with the service request from the user terminal, and calculates the charge of the service on the basis of the acquired prices.

69. (Unchanged From Prior Version) A system according to Claim 68, further comprising:

notification means for giving a notice of the charge calculated.

70. (Amended) A service center apparatus for managing a plurality of services provided over a network, wherein each of the services consists of a plurality of items, said apparatus comprising:

transmission means for transmitting image information to a user terminal via the network;

forwarding means for forwarding a service request received from the user terminal to a service provider;

first storage means for storing items and their prices;

second storage means for storing the service providers for the one or more items included in the service provided by the service provider; and

6/28
C1/2
calculating means for calculating the charge of the service related to the service requested on the basis of the first and second storage means.

71. (Unchanged From Prior Version) An apparatus according to Claim 70, further comprising:

notification means for giving a notice of the charge calculated by said calculating means.

72. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 70, wherein the image information is electronic data and the service is recording the image information from electronic media onto a sheet.

C2
73. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 72, wherein the service is printing the image.

74. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 73, further comprising third storage means for storing a printing image information in correspondence with the image information.

75. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 70, further comprising third storage means for storing the image information.